

as this with the stag, although, perhaps, it is really distinct both in species and climate. The axis (*fig. 144.*) is one of the small number of ruminating animals who has horns like the stag. He has the shape and swiftness of the fallow-deer. But what distinguishes him from both is, his having the horns of the former, and figure of the latter; his body is marked with white spots,* elegantly disposed, and separated one from another; and lastly, he is a native of warm countries;† while the stag and fallow-deer have their coats generally of a uniform colour, and are to be met with in greater numbers in cold and temperate regions than in warm climates.

The gentlemen of the Academy of Sciences have given the figure and description of the interior parts of this animal, but say very little of his exterior form, and nothing with respect to his history. They have only called him
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* The axis is about the size of the fallow-deer, the ground colour of his body is a greyish yellow beautifully marked with white spots; his belly is white, as is also the under part of his tail, while the upper inclines to red.

† I never saw, at Senegal, any stag with horns like those in France. *Voyage de le Maire.*—There are stags in the peninsula of India, on this side the Ganges, whose bodies are interspersed with white spots. *Voyage de la Compagnie des Indes de Hollande.*—There are stags at Bengal spotted like tigers. *Voyage de Luillier.*